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REMARKS

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1. Between 25 September and 13 November 1953, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by 400 to 450 men wearing blue epaulets with air force insignia. The sentries were armed with rifles and fixed bayonets. An alternate airfield with biplanes and highwing monoplanes was observed not far from the barracks installation. Near this airfield, there was an AA gun emplacement with 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 30 to 40 operating personnel.

the two radio installations, one on Apollensberg and the other one at the Berliner Chaussee between the Baseler Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne were furnished with personnel from the Brueckenkopf Kaserne.<sup>1</sup> On 17 October, 12 trucks

were being unloaded at Wittenberg railroad station. Subsequently, the motor vehicles proceeded toward Brueckenkopf Kaserne.<sup>2</sup> During the first half of November, about 10 new tank trucks arrived at Wittenberg.

2. Between 29 September and 28 October, an estimated 400 men wearing black-bordered blue and red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. On 7 October, all the windows were lighted. On the afternoon of 8 October, about 45 trucks were observed in the barracks area. The trucks were being loaded with crates and equipment and their tarpaulins were being repaired. On 9 October, about 15 trucks, including some with trailers or field kitchens, left the barracks installation toward the road to Dresden. Subsequently, about 300 men were estimated in the barracks installation. Apparently, only the number of soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets had changed.<sup>3</sup> At 7 p.m. on 15 October, source observed that the ground and third floors were dark, while the second and fourth floors were lighted. On 24 October, the lower section of the windows of the ground floor were being painted white.

3. Yak-14s and Pos-2s which continuously practiced flying in different directions were observed on the landing field not far from the Brueckenkopf Kaserne.

Four 37-mm AA guns were still observed in the nearby AA gun emplacement.<sup>1</sup>

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## Trucks

with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

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Trucks

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driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets  
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Tank Trucks

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driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

Jeeps

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driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

Sedans

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driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets  
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Bus

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Radio Truck

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5. Between 28 September and 20 October, an air force unit and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were quartered on Thaelmann Strasse in Wittenberg. There was much traffic by officers between the buildings occupied by air force personnel.

6. Soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were still quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne between 5 and 20 October. Take-offs and landings were occasionally made by courier aircraft at the field. The nearby AA gun emplacement was occupied by four 37-mm AA guns.<sup>1</sup>

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7. The following motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving the headquarters building on Thaelmann Strasse:

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8. In early November, a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with submachine gun was posted at the barrier on Muenzer Strasse, 20 to 30 meters from Thaelmann Strasse. The barrier blocked the billeting area of the air force personnel. Many one-family houses were observed in the restricted area. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was posted in front of the building at the corner of Schiller Strasse and Thaelmann Strasse. This entrance was used only by officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia.

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1. Comment. The fighter corps headquarters is still stationed at Wittenberg. The headquarters is billeted in the restricted area at Thaelmann Strasse and the signal and supply units are quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. For sketch of restricted area around Thaelmann Strasse, see annex.

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3. Comment. The personnel of the fighter corps headquarters who left the barracks installation on 9 October participated in maneuvers held by the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia between 10 and 15 October 1953. In these exercises, the fighter corps headquarters acted as director headquarters for the seven subordinate fighter regiments.

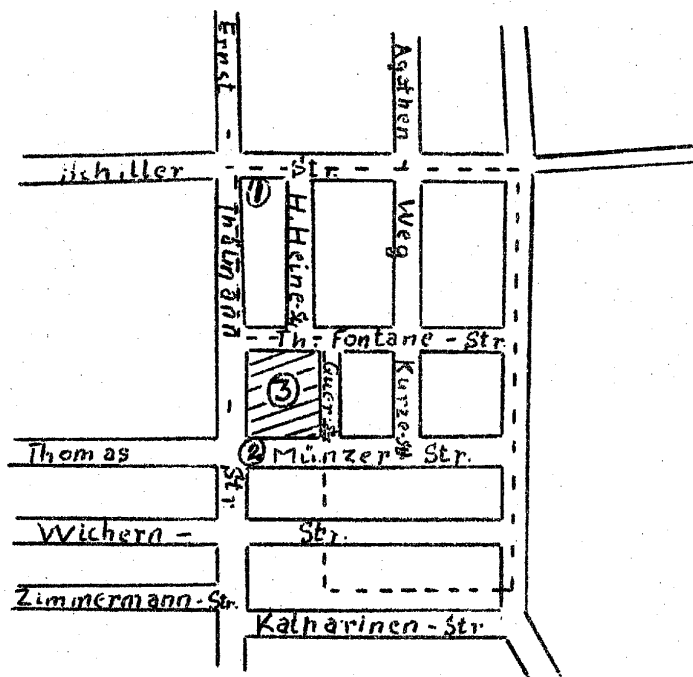
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Annex

Billeting Area of Fighter Corps Headquarters  
at Wittenberg



Legend:

----- Restricted area

- 1 Entrance to billeting area occupied by tank troops
- 2 Entrance with barrier to billeting area occupied by air force troops
- 3 Buildings occupied by Germans

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